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CATTARAUGUS COUNTY WOMAN INDICTED ON DRUG CHARGES

Buffalo, N.Y.--A federal grand jury in Buffalo, NY, has returned a nine-count indictment charging Candy Jimerson, age 47, of Little Valley, New York, with drug possession and sale of pharmaceutical drugs including methadone, oxycodone and hydrocodone, announced U.S. Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter of the Western District of New York. The charges carry a maximum penalty of 5 years imprisonment on counts 1 to 7, and a maximum of 20 years imprisonment on counts 8 and 9, a fine of \$ 1,000,000, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary C. Baumgarten stated that the Indictment charges the defendant with possessing and selling prescription drugs throughout the Southern Tier, including the City of Salamanca.

The Indictment was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Department, under the direction of Sheriff Timothy S. Witcomb, Special Agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge John P. Gilbride and the Southern Tier Drug Task Force. The evidence was presented to the Grand Jury by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary C. Baumgarten, who will handle the trial of the case.

The defendant was arraigned before Magistrate Judge Hugh B. Scott on February 3, 2010 and detained. A detention hearing is scheduled to be held on Monday, February 8, 2010, before Magistrate Scott at 2:30 p.m.

The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.